

JEWISHCOLUMBUS
JEWISHCOLUMBUS YOUTH FOUNDATION
GRANT APPLICATION 2025

Funding Priority:

“The mission of the 2024-25 JCYF cohort is to support combatting antisemitism, including promoting community security and safety for Jewish spaces as well as for increased education in facing antisemitism.”

Proposals may not request general operating dollars.

Deadline: on or before 5:00 pm EST, February 7, 2025

Submit this form to jordan@jewishcolumbus.org

Organization:

Name: Columbus Torah Academy

Website: torahacademy.org

Contact email: sherszage@torahacademy.org

Project Name:

Israel Advocacy to Combat Anti Semitism

Total Project Expenses:

\$ \$15,000

Requested Amount:

\$ \$5,000

Project Dates (must be completed between July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026):

Expected fall 2025

Project Description (Brief):

In 25 words or less, describe the project and its purpose. What will you do?

Hold a Shabbaton weekend for High School students to build Jewish pride and focus on workshops and seminars to combat antisemitism with opportunities to use tools learned.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Description (Full) (300 words)

Explain the project in full: who, what, where, why, when, how, etc. Please include outcomes you hope to achieve and who the program will serve directly and/ or indirectly. Up to 300 words.

As part of their curriculum CTA High School students will go on a Shabbaton from Friday to Sunday that will be held out of town. The purpose of the Shabbaton will be community building with emphasis on combating antisemitism and strengthening Jewish knowledge, pride, and connection to the state of Israel. Israel education is more than just being advocates. By learning about Israel's founding, history, values, and community, students will gain perspective that they can use to combat antisemitism and become strong advocates in their communities both local and when they graduate from high school. Workshops and seminars over the weekend would include experts in the field as well as CTA teachers. Beginning in Fall 2025, CTA is looking forward to welcoming an Israeli Shlichim family to work at CTA and live in Columbus. Their role will be to expand our students' understanding of what it is like to live in Israel in a post October 7 world. Their background in Israel education and leading workshops like we are planning will be an important part of this project and the Shabbaton will be a great start to their relationships with the students. Leading up to the Shabbaton, students would engage in preparations and potential speakers. The Shabbaton would be a highlight of the Israel advocacy education at CTA. A Shabbaton is a valuable medium for this type of learning as it creates bonds for the students that go beyond the classroom and reinforces priorities in Jewish life and learning. Follow up would include connecting to a local Hillel or Chabad and their students to see how campus Israel advocacy works and for the high school students to share what they have learned.

What is the size of and who is the target population?

Population is CTA High School which is 50 plus students and also includes teachers, chaperones, and speakers.

How does this project serve a Jewish population?

(up to 30 words)

As the only Jewish high school in Columbus, the mission of CTA is to strengthen students' connection to Israel and the Jewish people as a source of pride, strength, and advocacy.

DELIVERY AND EXECUTION

How will the project be executed? What activities or programs will be delivered?

(up to 100 words)

Be as specific as possible.

Project activities:

- Classroom preparations on content and speakers
- Student involvement in Shabbaton planning
- Follow up with local Hillel or Chabad

GOALS AND MEASURES OF SUCCESS

What are the project goals and how will you measure success?

(up to 150 words)

Be certain that the answer(s) to this question can and will be measured.

Project goals are to give students a chance to really focus and reflect on their connection to Jewish life and learning as well as their connection to Israel. Tools gained through this project will be essential for student growth and skills for advocacy. We will measure success through attendance and reflection responses. The follow up program with a Hillel or Chabad will be an important part of measuring if goals were achieved.

If JCYF does not grant your full request, what are the implications?

Be as specific as possible, e.g., will reduce number of programs, increase fundraising effort or limit number served. Will your organization still run the program if only part of your request is granted?

If JCYF does not fund the full request, we will scale back. The Shabbaton will have a participation fee and we will be able to pull a minimal amount of funds from our operating budget.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Add information you deem important for the reviewers to consider. (up to 300 words)

Thank you for your consideration and for this opportunity to request funding to support goals that are central to CTA's mission for Jewish and Israel education and to give our students the tools to combat anti-semitism. This project is focused on our High School students, but we see opportunities to include high school students at other schools in central Ohio as well as younger students in our school. Since the tragedies of October 7, CTA has ramped up the exposure students have to Israel education through partnerships with Stand with Us and Jewish Unpacked.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENT (Included in this document. Scroll down.)

Please format your text to keep documents to one page.

Project budget sheet

Required Documents for New Applicants:

- Mission Statement
- IRS verification wg

JewishColumbus Youth Foundation		
2025 GRANT APPLICATION BUDGET FORM		
"We seek to fund the people and statehood of Israel by providing relief and resources to civilians in need of mental, physical, medical and monetary aid and by helping to reconstruct cities."		
Project Name: Israel Advocacy to Combat Anti Semitism		
Applicant Organization Name: IColumbus Torah Academy		
	Proposed Budget	Comments
Income	(whole dollars)	
Request to JewishColumbus Youth Foundation	5000 \$	
Your Organization	9000	
Participating Partners		
Fund Raising		
Government Funding		
Program Fees/Tuition	1000	
JewishColumbus		
United Way		
(Other)		
(Other)		
Total Income	15,000	
Expenses		
Professional Salaries	6000 \$	
Supplemental Programming Staffing		
Staff Development	1000	
Marketing/Postage		
Program Materials, Direct Expenses		
Conference Fees		
Conference Travel		
Speaker Fees	2000	
Speaker Travel		
Speaker Hotel/Meals/Misc. Expense		
Food	3000	
(Other)	3000	
Total Expenses	15,000	
A ONE-PAGE BALANCED BUDGET MUST BE SUBMITTED		